

Appn. No. 09/944,009
Amendment dated October 27, 2005
Reply to Office Action mailed July 28, 2005

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Entry of the above amendments is courteously requested in order to place all claims in this application in allowable condition and/or to place the non-allowed claims in better condition for consideration on appeal.

Claims 1, 4, 7, 8, 11, 13 through 16, 21 through 24, and 26 through 27 remain in this application. Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 17 through 20 and 25 have been cancelled. No claims have been added.

Claims 1, 4, 7, 14, 21 through 23, 26, and 27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Butler et al. (USPN 3,301,101) in view of Ishizawa et al. (USPN 5,495,973).

Claim 1 has been amended to include the requirements of claim 3, which was indicated as being allowable over the prior art, and therefore claim 1, as well as the claims that depend from claim 1, are submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Withdrawal of the §103(a) rejection of claims 1, 4, 7, 14, 21 through 23, 26 and 27 is therefore respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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